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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/18/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach the golf cart as recited in claims 1-3, which include a telescopic rod capable of being inserted into a main rod and having a through hole disposed in a sidewall near a bottom thereof. The telescopic rod also includes a link rod disposed therein and longitudinally extending therethrough. The telescopic rod also includes a slide block secured at a bottom of the link rod and an insertion member inserted into the bottom thereof to prevent the link rod from slipping out of the bottom of the telescopic rod. The link rod provides with a press block disposed at a top thereof. The slide block provides with a sliding groove and a cavity at one side surface thereof, a ball confined and slidable between the sliding groove and the cavity of the slide block for being corresponding engaged with the through hole of the telescopic rod and any of positioning holes of the main rod to fix the telescopic rod in position. The telescopic rod further includes a spring disposed above the insertion member with one end pressed downwardly against the insertion member and the other end pressed upwardly against a bottom of the slide block. This recitation, in combination with the rest of the recited elements, clearly defines over the prior art. Regarding claim 2, the golf cart includes a main rod capable of being combined with a main wheel frame at one end thereof and having a pivot block fixedly secured to an upper portion thereof. The pivot block

provides with a pair of opposite first engagement holes disposed therein. The golf cart also includes a support bracket capable of being pivotally mounted on the pivot block of the main rod and a having a front portion designed to be a supporting part for supporting a golf bag. The support bracket also includes a rear portion provided with an elastic member disposed therein as well as two opposite through holes respectively disposed in both sidewalls thereof. The elastic member provides with two projecting bosses respectively disposed adjacent both ends thereof and capable of being protruded out of the two opposite through holes of the rear portion of the support bracket for being correspondingly engaged with the pair of opposite first engagement holes or the pair of opposite second engagement holes of the pivot block of the main rod. This recitation, in combination with the rest of the recited elements, clearly defines over the prior art. Regarding claim 3, the golf cart includes a main wheel frame having two main wheels respectively coupled at both sides thereof and a connecting base disposed in an appropriate place thereof. The connecting base provides with an insertion piece disposed thereon. The insertion piece provides with two sloped edges respectively formed at both sides thereof. The golf cart also includes a slide sleeve fitted around the main rod and capable of being correspondingly sleeved on the connecting base of the main wheel frame. The slide sleeve has a bore disposed at a front portion for being inserted by the main rod and an insertion hole disposed at a rear portion in a position corresponding to the insertion piece of the connecting base. The insertion hole provides with two sloped edges respectively formed at both inner sidewalls thereof and corresponding to the two-sloped edges of the insertion piece of the connecting base.

This recitation, in combination with the rest of the recited elements, clearly defines over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sydlow discloses a compact foldable golf cart, Kiffe discloses a motorized golf caddie, Lucia et al. disclose a folding portable golf cart, Liao et al. disclose a collapsible golf cart.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V Phan whose telephone number is 703-308-2084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christ Ellis can be reached on 703-308-2560. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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